



I CAN GO
BY MYSELF...

HEAVY!







**FOUND
WOUNDED!
FIRST AID!**

A character with short grey hair, green eyes, and a purple headband is shouting. A brown cat is on the left, looking towards the character. A yellow starburst is between them. The background is dark blue.

WHAT?



A close-up of the character's face. They have a shocked expression with wide green eyes and an open mouth. The background is dark blue.

**WH-
WHO'S INJURED?
WHY? IS IT
SERIOUS?!**

**NOT SURE!
MANY INJURED!**



TH-THEN
LET'S GO THERE!
YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS,
RIGHT?! WHAT GAME
IS IT?!

...

.....DO YOU
UNDERSTAND...?

WHATEVER
HAPPENS,
YOU CAN'T COME
BACK HERE.





YOU NEED TO
BRING THE HERO TO
THE LEGEND OF THE
DRAGON SWORD AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF A MAIN
CHARACTER GOING TO
A DIFFERENT GAME
LIKE THIS...

WE'LL
DEFINITELY
FIND YOU GUYS.
SO JUST TRUST US
AND KEEP GOING
FORWARD.





**YOUR TOP
PRIORITY IS
THE HERO.**



**EVERYONE FINE!
NO NEED!**

**WHAT...?
BUT STILL**

A pixel art character with a blue cap and purple goggles. The goggles have a green lens. The character is looking to the left. A yellow starburst is next to their head.

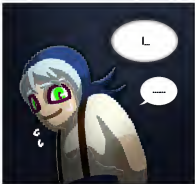
HERO!!!

FLINCH

A pixel art character with a brown face and a pink mouth. The character is looking down.

THAT'S IT!!

**THAT'S
RIGHT..**



I'M SO STUPID,
AREN'T I?

CORRECT!!

HEY...

STAGE 122 STUPID

zzzz...

WHEW~~~



zzzz...



WHEW~~~~~

zzz...

zzz...

WHEW~~~~~



AWKWARD...



UH

BO OM

...FOUND...!



FOUND
YOU...!!

TA DA



ARE YOU SLEEPING
AND DRINKING AND
EATING AND SLACKING
OFF AFTER YOU STOLE
THE MAIN CHARACTER?
WAKE UP!!!

SWISH SWISH SWISH

HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH THIS GUY??
WHY'S HE JUST
ROLLING AROUND
HERE?!

!!!

OH!
WE WERE JUST
ABOUT TO GO TO
THE LEGEND OF
THE DRAGON
SWORD..!

OF COURSE
YOU WERE!! AH,
BUT WE NEED TO
GO SOMEWHERE
ELSE FIRST!!

SWISH

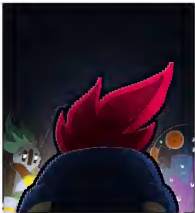




WHERE...?

AH,
I NOTICED ON THE WAY,
BUT THE...ANYWAY, THEY
MIGHT END UP DYING!!

WE CAN'T LET
THAT HAPPEN.



I CANNOT LET
THAT HAPPEN

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

**THAT WON'T
HAPPEN!!**

FWIP

FWIP



LET'S GO!!!



WAIT!
THE KIDS HAVEN'T
COME BACK FROM
THE BAR YET!

LET'S GO!!!

HEY,
IS THIS GUY
MAD?!!

FLAP FLAP



JUST GO.
IT SOUNDS URGENT.
I'LL TELL THE
GUYS.

!



YOU...

THE DESTINATION
IS THE LEGEND OF
THE DRAGON SWORD ANYWAY,
SO YOU CAN MEET
UP THERE.

AND I DIDN'T
LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE,
SO I WASN'T GOING TO
GIVE YOU THIS,
BUT...

FWIP



I GUESS
IT NO LONGER
BELONGS TO ME.



H-HOW
DID THIS...?!

I GUESS
YOU DIDN'T SEE, BUT...
WHEN THE FINAL
PIECE WAS PLACED,
THIS CAME OUT.



I THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE ABSORBED,
BUT...

I DON'T
KNOW WHY,
BUT...

IF I THINK
"THAT PIECE CHOSE
THE MAIN
CHARACTER..."



THAT'S
PROBABLY JUST
ME BEING
CRAZY.

PERHAPS
YOU ARE



**AREN'T WE
GOING?!**

GRAB

**LET'S
GO!!**



**LET'S DRINK
LATER!!**

**HERE WE
GO!!**

Sh

**AH,
IT'S SO
HEAVY!!!**

wooo





..WHY ARE
THEY CALLING HIM
THE BLACK KNIGHT
WHEN HE'S
WHITE..?

**GOD~ DAMMIT~
WHAT'S WRONG WITH
THIS BASTARD?!**



THE BEST
AGENT IS FROM
THE ACTION GAME
DEPARTMENT!!

THWACK

WHACK

WHAM



I GUESS THEY'RE
FIGHTING AGAIN.
THE GUARDIANS ARE
ALL BAD DRUNKS.



UGH

DRUNKARDS!

LET'S NOT GET
DRAGGED INTO THIS.
AND JUST BUY
THE DRINK.

BWAHAHAHA!!

THWACK

CREAK

THWACK

AND,
WHAT?! PATCH?!
THAT MANUAL
GUY?!

FLING



THWACK

YEAH, WELL~!!
I ACKNOWLEDGED
HIM ONCE UPON
A TIME!!

BUT WHERE IS HE NOW?!
AT THAT USELESS
CLASSIC GAME
DEPARTMENT!!!

THWACK

DO THEY THINK
THEY ARE A HERITAGE
BECAUSE IT'S CALLED A
"CLASSIC GAME"??

THWACK

A close-up illustration of a hand in a dark sleeve striking a light-colored wooden block. The impact is shown with motion lines and a small red mark on the wood.

THWACK

WE ONLY CALL
IT THAT SO THEY
DON'T FEEL BAD
ABOUT THEMSELVES!
THAT PLACE IS A
DUMPH

WE SHOULD JUST
BURN THAT PLACE
DOWN-.. ACK!!

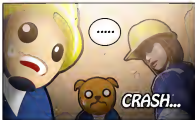
THW ACK

A comic book panel featuring a firefighter. The firefighter is wearing a yellow helmet and a mask, with only his eyes and mouth visible. He has a determined and shouting expression. He is holding a fire hose that extends across the middle of the frame. Above him is a jagged speech bubble containing the text 'WE SHOULD JUST BURN THAT PLACE DOWN-.. ACK!!'. At the bottom of the panel, the sound effects 'THW' and 'ACK' are written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. The background is a simple, dark, and smoky environment, suggesting a fire scene.

00F 00F 00F!!!



CRASH CRASH

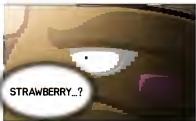




ARE
YOU OKAY?
CAN YOU GET
BACK UP?



AH...



YOU'RE MY
SAVIOR...



